THE ASSASSINATION!

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ar natculi of the psoas magnes at a terminating ree and a half inches below the pubes in thigh, as to the insertice of the psoas hagnes, at which that a small conical builds was found embedded. For was half a pint of bloody fluid found in the domainal cavity. The kidneys were normal; the leen heatthy: the liver singhtly fatty. The gall adder was found to confain a calculus, the size of nazienut. The heart weighed sixteen ounces, or right side of the heart was filled the coagula and the left empty. Structs of the walls of heart was healthy, also were the valves. Both hungs were normal, acount to calver the right of the property of the walls of heart was healthy. Also were the valves. Both hungs were normal, acount the calvaritant he brain was fasten out and and to weigh afty-eight ounces, (Cerebellum noted seven conces, with pore varous, which healthy) Death, in our opinon, was due facek and perritonitis from a pistof shot wound hodomen.

MESTINGS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE VINTE REGISERY.

about the hundred men of the rank and file of Nints regiment held a meeting at their armors ly yesterday evening. Sergeant S. A. Schooma-

New was untainfounly adopted:—

Newcas our late esteemed Colonel, James Fisk, Jr., has
in removed from our midst in an untimely and unexpected
story; and whereas the funeral ceremonies are to take
of the midsty, January 8,
terrived. That as an expression of the feelings of this
sting, and as a tribute of respect to the memory of our
percent collows he rank and file of the regiment to escort
body to its final resting place.

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The time in the matched is a body to the Opera 10000, where the resolution was presented to the 100000, where the resolution was presented to the 100000 in the colone of the crie directors. Licutemant Colonel Braine presided, there were also present Major Hitchcock, field inter; Adjutant Allien, Surgeon Pollard, Assistant attgeon Flormpson, Quartermaster Bailey and Combissary Harley, staff; Captains Toby, Robinson, Banson and Barr, Smith, Captains Toby, Robinson, Banson and Barrows and Belden, and Colonel Hooker, Captain Burrows and Belden, and Colonel Hooker, concern staff; and all the others of the different companies. Colonel Braine stated to the committee of the rank and file presenting the resolutions that it was with some of the rank and file presenting the tesolutions that the colones of the different staff of the mark and file presenting the capture of the depot. Under these curcumstances, he hoped the men would not persist in their request to go to Vermont. On behalf of the Board reachen thanked them for the devotedness they were showned to their late Colonel. The committee them withdred. The board appointed a committee, consisting of Colonel Brains, Captains Miller and Blaney and Liceternants Montgomery and and the second of the Board specific constitute. The board sponded of the Beat meeting. The following notice was adopted for service on the Verseans of the North Erginent.

THEADQUARTERS VETERAN ARROGATION,
NASTH REGISSER N. V. S. N. G.,
NEW YOUL, Jan. 7, 1872.
The members of this association are requested to need at
armony of the binth regiment to-morrow, the Sh lent,
twelve election to not not not and the theological of the
the Colonel James Fisk, Jr. The usual badge of mourning

late Colonel James Fisk, Jr. The usual budge of mourning will be worn. By order.

JOHN FOLOER, Secretary.

Lieutemants Howland, Hussey, Pattrey, Wood, Bacon, and Monigonery were detailed to take charge of the body willie lying in State to-day, after which the meeting adjourned.

STORES AT THE TOMES.

Late on Saturday night, when the crowds tegan to decrease in the Pitteenth precinct station house, nd the brigade of reporters had decided to give up unting Stokes to earth for the night, the latter was pacing his narrow cell in a restless manner, after aving eaten heartily of his supper some time be fore. This man, usually so light and free hearted m his manner, has, within the past few days, become very reserved and distant in his speech, ng to the caution which has even given him by courses, Mesers. John McKeen, Willard Bart-Judge Porter and annuary gentleman who is mployed in the case. These positiemen nave sigod to Mr. Stokes the theology occasity of keepbug a close month on all manter rectaining to his case, and stokes has in every ance shown his desire to mind his own business and abstain from

alking to any person.

As the morning approached Stokes became quite caim and ceased pacing his ceil. Then he sat down the day. Atter this he undressed himself d to rest and slept very well antil an early our of the morning, when he arose, washed himself ad attired his person for breakfast in a fashionable f quite heartly, Stokes sat down and prepared for utation was returned in a cheerful manner Mr. Stokes. Captain Byrnes stated that would have to take Mr. Stokes to the Tombs and surrender him to the Warden d reactly to the proposed transaction, and a seck having been ordered, Stokes was helped on gith his overcoat, on the arm of which a speck, of art rested. This speck Stokes removed carefully, ing always noted for his nicety of dress and eliness of person. Going out of the station cane, Captain Byrnes offered him the precedence passing out; but Stokes waived his and gracefully and insisted that Captain Byrge's should precede him to the coach. Stokes again manifested his politeness by watter until Captain Byrnes had entered the back before going into the vehicle himself. Two special policemen in plain clothes, detailed for the purpose, accompanied the Captain and his prisoner. After leaving the station house a few blocks bentad sturning to Captain Byrnes, said:-

"Fisk is snot in the stomach, is ne not ?"
"Kes," said Cappun Byrnes, "and dangerously, I "He is, clso shot an the forearm as well, is he

"Yesp I understand he as shot in the arm," added

Captain Syrues. Then Stokes relapsed into silence anni he get to the Tomes, at which place he alighted. It was about ten minutes past nine octook when the party reached the Tomos, and Stokes answered the questions relating to his birth, age, name tand residence, preparatory to being re-Sches anavered the questions relating to his kirth, age, name tand residance, preparatory to being registored on the prison showed Mr. Stokes to his cell, on the second ther of the Inner prison. The cell is a confertable one, being attnated over the genter, and from this cause the cell is a confertable one, being attnated over the genter, and from this cause the cell is a great deal symmer than any other one on the tier. A bed mattress was brought in during the day, to make the piace consistrable. The walls are whitewashed and look cheet till, and it is the intention of Mr. Stokesto have the agertment papered at his own expense, and to have plotures of himself and his friendsynang on the walls. Messix McKeon. Daly and another legal gentleman, counsel for the accused, called at twelve o'clook and held a long conversation with him in regard to the proposed lime of defence at the coming trial. They advised film to stake bothing whatever to the reporters who implied the call to interview him unless; he was destinged to keep, and his conduct since shows that he intends to keep his promise. When informed of the death of feek he was much in oved and said, "I am sorry he died; I did not intend to kill him." Stokes was allowed to sit optside of the juner count of the prison, where there was a large stove, with a good coal fire burning, first, Colyrate, a very estimable lear, and who is a cousing to stoke called during the afternous on Mr. Stokes and conversed with him for some tone. After her departure two brothers of Mr. Stokes, poth very gentlemanity-looking fellows, whited the accused and held a long conference with him. Mr. Stokes and conversed with him for some tone. After her departure two brothers of Mr. Stokes, poth very gentlemanity-looking fellows, whited the accused with sim for some tone. After her departure two brothers of the prison. Twenty-five refuses the liberty of the corridor, and our, ing the second by the Warten of the prison. Twenty-five refuses a few protests alled during the afternoom of thirt. A

bis counsel.

At about hair-p. st seven o'clock a Herald reporter was permitt will visit Mr. Stokes in his cell, where he found him comfortably located.

HEFORTER—Mr. Stokes, I have called to know from you the real facts in this unfortunate case.

Mr. STOKES—I cannot give you any interview or information for public se. I am entirely in the mands of my lawyers, and. I must obey their instructions. You may say, lowever, that many of the statements in the newspa, ess in regard to my

REFORTER—Then I am to understand that you refuse to give me any information?

Mr. STOKES—I would give you the information with pleasure, but it is utterly impossible to grant such a request, as I am only opeying instructions.

Believing further questioning to be unnecessary the reporter withdrew, and the cell door was closed after him by a furnice.

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About eight o'clock lest evening 259 police officers, under the command of Superintendent Kelso, Inspector Jamieson, Capitains Waish, Kennedy, Allairo, Petty and other officers. This force belonged to the reserves of the Police Department, and was summored to the Tomos, where they were divided into squads and distributed around she prison in Fostions where they might effectually resist any atfack made from the outside oy a retously disposed mob. Superintendent Kelso had been informed vesterday atternoon that the Night regiment intended to march down from the armory to the Tombs, and, having thusted in the doors of the prison, they were then to take Stokes from the cell and hang him in the quantrangle of the jail in revenge for his slaying of Mr. Fisk. If any such intention on the part of the Minth regiment had been manifested, the premptness with which the police were moved to the Tombs and the preparations made therein for the reception of the supposed mon, would have effectually prevented the success of any such violent and unlawful negative. When Stokes was informed of the fact that the Ninth regiment was expected at the prison to lynch him, he merely remarked, "I can die only one, and I have never yet been afraid to dte." Then he bade the reporter "good night," and thus ends the story of the first day of Stokes' lapprisonment in the Tombs.

MRS. MANSFIELD AT HOME.

Mrs. Mansseld and Mrs. Wiffiams both retained the privacy of the previous day and denied them-selves to all callers. Captain Williamson third street, in the vicinity of Mrs. Mans-field's residence, all last night for the purpose of preventing any annoyance to Mrs. Mansfield. Groups of "curiosity seekers" and "sensation mongers" were gathered around the house up to a late hour last hight, but they were not rewarded by any insterial for the gratification of their morbid taste.

SCENES IN THE ERIE RAILROAD OFFICE.

When the news of the death of Colonel Fisk reached the Grand Opera House yesterday the ex-citement, which had been momentarily increasing as his condition tecame more critical, reached a fever heat. Erie magnates hurrically rushed to and tro; officers of the Ninth, with downcast faces and dened looks, in mournful tones bewailed the fall of their chief; actors who had lived upon the bounty of the deceased railroad king at once comprehended the force of real tragedy, which all the mimicry of the stage had entirely failed to teach,

Those who doubted
THE POPULARITY OF PISK,
and believed that the manifestations of esteem and
love to which he was occasionally treated were only empty ceremonies had only to visit the Grand of the sincersty of the regrets poured forth from the assembled hundreds. There was not one to utter a harsh word relative to the dead man. No one demed that he had grave faults, but all agreed that his virtues overbalanced his vices, and sometimes even his failings leaned to virtue's side. His largehearted liberality, his numerous acts of generosity, the attachment to his friends and his charity to open enemies formed the seene of universal comment, and in all the crowd there was none to say an unkind or harsh word.

mustered in force with gloomy and perturbed looks, seemingly overwheimed by the greatness of the catastrophe which had overtaken the road by the sudden removal of its presiding genius. Knots of them were gathered in earnest consultation, eagerly discussing the probable effect of the death of Fisk on the standing and security of the corporation. Clerks were everywhere despatched to gather in the executive wisdom of Eric, and some old men and young, infirm and strong, were profering assistance and advice to Jay Gould, on whose shoulders so great a responsibility had suddenly taken. It was evident from the troubled looks of those who were present that the loss was no common one, and many, under the house of the groups thit and to make the following known to those who are deeply interested in its tonices, but it requires all the executive willing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and withing it can command to weather the sorm and without. The splendid business qualities of fiss, his tact, his enterprise and his daring were admitted by the direct of the requires all the executive about the emergency and the foods of the colonel which adores the foods and the foods of the colonel which adores the foods of the colonel which a dorns the Presidential room of the Erie onice suggested a starding lesson to those who, only twenty-four hours ago, saw the original leave the office hild of life and vigor, and it is said in excellent spirits, as the formal color will be suggested a starding lesson to those who, only twenty-four hours had yigor, and it is said in excellent spirits, as the formal color was described by them were gathered in earnest consultation, eagerly discussing the probable effect of the death of Fisk

good humor. What a change a lew hours had brought forth! The personal friends of the deceased said they could scarcely realize the awful fact, but looked upon it as some hideous dream. But the loudest expressions of grief and indignation were indulged in by the officers and men of the Ninta, as the regiment and its success had been the pet project of the departed frince. It was left by all that the main prop and stay of the organization had gone, with no probability of any one rich enough or generous enough arising to fill the vacant place. Many of the officers looked as if they had been weeping, and the settled gloom of the men and the vengeful determination displayed in their features boded ill for the author of the calamity had he been within reach. When the hearse containing the coffin, termination displayed in their features boded ill for the atther of the calamity had ne been within reach. When the hearse containing the coffin, which was taken from the hotel, appeared in sight the agitation became intense, and a low wait of sorrow went up from the assembled multitude. Long after it had been taken into the residence which Fisk left a few hours be ore, all unconscious of the tragic termination of his career which a waited him, the excitement continued, and did not in any way lessen as the night came on. About four c'clock a notice was posted to the soldiers of the Ninth, at the entrance to the Eric Railroad office, calling upon all members of the regiment to assemble this morning to do honor to their departed chief and paracipate in the solemn ceremonies of his funeral. Night came on, and the crowd on the streets was undaminished, while inside weighty matters of life and death to the Eric Railroad were being anxiously debated. It was not until the lights had been all extinguished and the last director had taken his departure that the soldiers and givinians slowly returned to their homes.

EXCITEMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

As soon as the news of Mr. Fisk's death reache the various places of public resort the excitement became most intense. The news spread like wildbecame most lutense. The news spread like wildure. As the groups of promenaders heard it they
stopped in their walk and with astonished looks
taiked over the dreadful occurrence on the sidewalks. Imprompts clubs met for discussion at
the corners of the streets. In the hotels,
the clubs and everywhere where the Sunday afternoon was whiled away nothing was talked of but
the largible traces and the committees these noon was whiled away nothing was talked of butche terrible tragedy and the circumstances which surrounded it. The Grand Central Hotel was, of course, the principal object of attraction, and long after the murdered man's life had ebbed away crowds flocked up to the door of the hotel. "How at Mr. Fiszt?" "Dead?" And the inquirer turned andly away.

AT THE ORAND CENTRAL HOTEL.

Shortly before one o'clock one of the cierks of the
Grand Central Hotel informed a Heraid reporter that the body was being pinced in the coffin, and that when everything had been becamingly arranged that all who wished to view the body would have their curiosity gratified. Up to this time none but the boarders in the house and those who had special permisson were allowed up stairs to the second floor.

second floor.

A power and a policemen stopped the way, and refused permission to pass to every one who was not provided with a ticket. As soon as the news appear that the city that Mr. Fisk had died there was a general rush towages the Grend Central Hole. At noon the hall-way and founding room were so crowded that it was almost impossible to get either side the doors. But new arrival nurried through the crewd and looked on every side for some familiar face. As a friend was recognized ordinary saintstions were forgothen, and the first question was, "Is he really dead?" And as the sad news was confirmed a long silence followed, broken at inst by the exclamation, "Well, it intoo bad?"

These who failed to come across their friends button-holed strangers and suxtoner; inquired if the report were true. Every effort was made to gain the second floor, where the dead body of the

of the assassination and its sad circumstances. As on Saterday night, the failings of the dead man were torgotten an his virtues. His charities, his generous libera'it?, his strong friendships, all were feelingly recalled and even extravaganity excited. As on Saturday night, too, there was not a word to palliate the crime of his murdeler, not a word to palliate the crime of his murdeler, not a word to palliate the crime of his murdeler, not a word and a word and he who, two days ago, would have found sympathy with some as a persecuted, ruined man, a victim to his own wretched infatuation and the tricks of a clever enemy,

Found not a severous friend or pitying foe.

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The "cownruly assassin," who gave his victim no chance for life, found no sympathetic throb in the thousands of American hearts that welled up with pity for the poor dead man that lay cold and stark in a strange room, whose deathbod was brightened by no loving faces of relatives, and who wished only to live

To SAVE HIS SLAYER from the indignity of the gallows. To any one who had been near the deathbed while the imp of life still dickered this extraordinary revulsion of popular feeling would have taught a forcible lesson. The hatred of cowardice of any kind, incred to the American people, snowed itself in every exclamation, and, as many at the trand Central Hotel remarked, had poor Fisk survived his injuries he would have become the most popular man in America.

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All through the day and afternoon crowds of people thronged to the Grand Central to inquire as to the condition of the victim. As the day waned and the report of Mr. Fisk's death began to be spread about immense crowds locked to the scene of the tragedy, and as the sad news was confirmed turned sadiy awas. About one o'clock—the hour at which the body left the hotel—the crowd became most dense. The immense multitude, nanward that the coffin had been conveyed into mercer street through a back staircase and placed in an unpretending sier, remained in the haliway up to a late hour in the afternoon, waiting for a cannee of A Look AT THE BODY of the murdered man. When first the report began to spread shrough the crowd that the body had been removed to Arr. Fisk's late residence it was treated as a canard to get rid of the multitude of loungers who thronged the corndors of the notel. It was asserted positively that if the body were to brought down at all that it would be brought down the man stair-case and carried through the hallway to a magnificent bler, which would be in waiting for it on Broadway.

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removed at all from the hotel until after the Coroner's laquest, and popular bettef in this subject was
rendered doubly certain by the declaration of some
gentlemen that they had heard the whole thing
from the Coroner nimself.

About one o'clock a well-dressed lady, with a
thick veil drawn tightly around her face, waiked
up to the clerk's desk and conversed earnessty with
that official for a lew minutes. She immediately
became the cynosure for all the curious eyes in the
hallway. In fact, a ring was formed around her
and the question passed from mouth to mouth,
"Is that she—is that Mansfield?"

Whosever the lady was she soon realized the fact
that she had become an object of great curiosity,
and drawing her veil more tightly around her she
harried from the building. This lady was not shiss
Mansfield, though it was afterwards understood
that she had earnessty requested permission to see
the body of Mr. Fisk.

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Soon after Coroner Young and his deputy, Doctor Maish, arrived, and they at once became the object of popular solicitude. The Coroner looked as solema as the occasion behooved him. He informed our reporter that he had merely come up to the hotel to announce that Dr. Maish would make the postmortem examination at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. In conformity with the wishes of Mr. Fisk's friends the examination was to be made at the late residence of the decased, and accordingly the Coroner informed Mr. Waterhouse, the superiatendent of the noted, that the body could be removed immediately.

The Coroner also informed our reporter that he intended to give authority to Captain Byrnes, of the Fitzenth precinct, to summon a jury of eighteen of the most influential men in the neighborhood to serve on the jury at the inquest, which, he said, would be held at three o'clock to-day at the City Hall.

Doctor Marsh received communications from several prominent medical men in the city, who expressed a desire to be present at the post-mortem examination and

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THE SEARCH FOR THE FATAL BULLET.
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of Mr. Fisk's relatives, the Coroner decided that
none but medical men should be present at the post-

morning. As early as ten o'clock the diferent groups began to arrive, and the news that Mr. Pisk was still living was halled with general satisfaction. At eleven o'clock the hall was nearly full and a large number of brominent brokers were present. A report reached the hotel shortly before eleven o'clock that the sunferer was "doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances." This had the effect of PREVENTING ANY SPECULATION in Eric stock, though it was evident, from the number of brokers present and from the anxious inquiries made on every side, that very little would have set the ball a rolling. A very strong reaction of popular feeling seemed to have set a since the night previous in layor of the sufferer. His name was never once mentioned with hard comment. Expressions of pity and hopes for his recovery were heard on every side; while, on the contrary, Stokes' name was mentioned with every form of execration.

of execution.

Shortly after eleven o'clock the following telegram was posted on the builtetin board of the telegraph office:

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL—11 o'Clock.

James Fisk, Jr., died at fifty-ave minutes past ten this

James Fisk, Jr., idea at fity-ove minutes past ten this morning.

The moment this despatch was posted up there was a general rush for the telegraph operator's room. The sad news was most unexpected, and everybody seemed to be thauderstruck. Some hurried away to the Grand Gentral Hotel to obtain fuller particulars for themselves. Not a few were found who doubted the accuracy of the despatch, and loudly asserted that "IT COULD NOT BE POSSIBLE."

Later on, when the news was confirmed by the arrival of persons who had been at the Grand Central Hotel when Mr. Fisk breathed his last, the excitement became most means crowds flocked in from all the clubs, and by two o'clock nearly the whole Stock Exchange Board were to be seen round the hotel. Several Wall street men of high standing dropped in to hear the particulars, and at this time the scene in the large hailway almost baffled description.

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Nothing else was talked of but the tragedy and the lives of the principal actors, and the causes which led to the murder were extensively canvassed. The crowd was not composed of commercial men alone. Several legal celebrities were present, one of whom, in conversation with a Herald Preporter, made the following significant remarks:—

"It has come to that with us here now, sir, that we must look upon women like Miss Manadeld in their proper character and treat them as such. The growing evil of our society—the evil which has produced this murder—is that we are beginning to look upon such people through a glamour; that we admit them to a mongred standing in society and allow them to breathe the same atmosphere with our respectable women."

The excliement continued very great at the Fifth Avenue Hotel throughout the whole evening and up to a late hour at night.

At the other hotels the excliement consequent on the news of Mr. Fisk's death was scarcely interior to that at the Pith Avenue, though the crowds were not so great. It was late in the evening before any crowd began to gather at the Metropolitan Hotel, the Curtious preferring to remain at the Grand Central curring the day.

At the St. Nichoiss the news created the most profound sensation among the strangers staying at the botel. At the American Jockey Club also there was a good deal of speculation, and the announcement of Mr. Fisk's death

PRODUCED GREAT EXCITEMENT

among the aristocratic members, and the deceased was spoken of only with respect. At the Alsemante Police Commissioner Smith and a large number of policemen excitedly discussed the terrible event. In fact, in every place of public resorting. The 'Ext's death throughout the entire city during the afternoon, and the news was received with regree every.

it was somewhat late in the atternoon before the news was heard at the different clubs. At the Manhattan, the Union League and the Blossom a great dear of excitement prevailed, and Stokes' act was characterized as that of a dasterdly coward.

INTERVIEW WITH JAY GOULD.

Yesterday a HERALD reporter visited the resireport were true. Every effort was made to dence of Jay Gould, the President of the Eric Railn the second floor, where the dead body of the road, on Fifth avenue, to hear what he had to say redored man awaited removal to the manshout the murder of his friend and associate.

being busy could not see any one at that time, but said if the reporter would call upon him at the Grand Opera House at five o'clock in the afternoon he opera house at hwe occook in the alternoon he would try and see him. Punctual to the time appointed the reporter appeared upon the scene, and elbowing his way through the surging mass of humanity who were endeavoring to force an entrance, made his way to the usher and handed in his card. "Oh, a reporter," said that gentleman;
"Mr. Gould and the gentlemen up stairs are not seeing reporters to-night." "Well, take in my card,
I believe he will see me, as I come by appointment." "On, that alters matters; I suppose it is all right"— and right it proved to be, as in a few minutes the reporter was sitting in the luxurious room of Presi-

"I am very busy just now," said Mr. Gould, "but if you remain for a few minutes I will have some lessure time at my disposal and will be happy to afford you what you want." Mr. Gould was pale, tired and weary looking, and showed evident traces of the mental distress under which he was suffering. In addition to the shock he has received by the murder of Fisk, to whom he was devotedly attached, the additional press of business which has poured upon him during the day tended to depress him still more, but he bore the calls which were being momentarily made upon him with an astonishing amount of patience. A kind of semi-formal meeting of the directors was being held, and, in addition to the task of receiving visitors, he had to reply to the numberiess questions which were being to the numberless questions which were being offered at every breath. Many of the richest of our citizens, among them William Heath, the banker, called, with offers of assistance and help if required. Mr. Gould thanked them for their good intentions, but die not avail behaved of their good intentions, but die not avail behaved of their good intentions, but did not avail himself of their offers, as he said he was yet equal to any emergency that might arise. When some of his numerous visitors had been dismissed the reporter's turn came on, and he said, "Well, sw, what can I do for you?"

"It is scarcely necessary to say that I came to "I surmised as much. On what particular points do you wish to be enlightened?"

"A good many; but it is as well to begin at the eginning. The assassination of Fisk was a complete surprise to you?"

"Certainly it was—an awful one, too. I never for an instant imagined that any such tragic end would await ar. Fisk, as his popularity and the esteem in which he was generally held precluded the idea that he would fall a victim to savage violence."

"His death affects you considerably, both in a business and private point of view?" "Oh, I don't mind business; but my per sonal feelings—I cannot sufficiently give expression to the extent I suffer over the catastrophe. We have been working together for five or six years, and during that time

not the slighest unpleasantness has ever arisen be-tween us. He was genial in his habits and beloved by all who had any dealings with him."
"Has Stokes ever been connected with the Erie

by all who had any dealings with him."

"Has Stokes ever been connected with the Erie Railroad in any capacity?"

"No. I will tell you how the acquaintanceship between Mr. Fisk and Stokes originated. Fisk met Stokes accidentally, and being attracted by his appearance experienced a liking for him which soon ded the former to manifest it in a substantial way. He lent him money to start him in business, timiking that he would prove square; but you know how he was deceived in his kindness—was repart with the binekest ingratitude, and the viper he had nourished torned and stung him."

"Was Fisk acquainted with Stokes prior to his introduction to Mrs. Mausfield?"

"That I cannot say. I know very little of Mrs. Mansfield and cannot tell anything of her history; neither do I know what he relations were which existed between Mrs. Mansfield and Mr. Fisk. It was a delicate subject and I generally avoided it."

"Do you know what caused the rupture between Stokes and Mr. Fisk."

"No. I know nothing of the circumstance. I

"No. I amow nothing of the circumstance. I have no idea what caused the misunderstanding between them. I know at one time they were very intimate, interfy it has not been so; I don't know for what reason."

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"What is your opinion of the legal actions that have been entered into against Mr. Fisk by Mrs. Mansfleid and Stokes?"

BLACKMAILING.

"Blackmailing pure and unmitigated. There are not the slightest grounds for any such actions. The design was simply to extract money from Mr. Fisk, thinking he could be frightened into compliance with their evil designs."

"Did Mr. Fisk ever utter such sentiments as those?"

"Frequently he did. It was his belief in the rascality of the whole proceedings that made him resolve to contest the trials to the bitter end. The turn they latterly took in his layor proves how groundless were the charges brought against him. The motives of Mansfleid and Stokes were simply to gratify personal mailee and get money, but they have, I am happy to say, been completely folied in their efforts."

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"Mr. Fisk had no intention of compromising?"

"Compromise! He had nothing to compromise about. He had never done anything that would render such a course of action necessary; he was not in the slightest aware of anything that the parties might do, and he would have treated the whole affair as a good loke, but for the petty annoyances to which he has been subjected by the malevolence of the plaintiffs in the suit."

"How long is it since he broke with Mrs. Mansfeld ?"

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"I cannot exactly say, but I may tell you something which is not generally known. Since the dissolution of whatever the has existed between him
and Mrs. Mansfield he ins been a changed man. He
had ceased to practice many of the old habits of
which he has been accused, and was in every sense
becoming what all who loved him desired he should
be. His old associations were being rapidly broken
up, and if he had lived some time longer a complete
reformation would have taken place in his whole
conduct, though I do not for an instant say that his
improprieties were so belinous as they have been
gene raily represented to oe."

"I suppose reports do not always speak true."

"Not by any means, and in this instance there
was gross exaggeration in many of the siatements
made. The stas of Mr. Fisk were proclamed to the
world; he made no hidden mystery of them; they
were freely blazoned forth, and however one may
be disposed to blame his judgment it cannot be
said that he concealed anything from the public
curtosity."

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"Ind Mr. Fisk anticipate any violence from Stokes?"

"I believe not; I never heard him express any apprehensions relative to Stokes,"

"Was he aware that threats had been made against him by Stokes?"

"Yes, I believe he heard something of the kind, but neither he nor I attached any weight to such rumors. We looked upon them as idle tales."

THE OCCURRENCES OF SATURDAY.

"Did any of the tragic circumstances of yesterday evening come under your notice?"

"Not immediately. I have since been informed that Stokes lurked around the office, watching for the appearance of his victim. When Colone! Fisk entered his carria; he gave directions to the coachman to drive to the Grand Central Hotel in a tone loud enough to be heard across the street. Stokes heard the words, and immediately started in hot pursuit. I knew nothing more until I was apprised that Colone! Fisk nead been shot by Stokes in the Grand Central Hotel. The instant I neard the news I repaired to the scene, and I must say I was deeply affected by the speciacie! beheld."

"Did Colone! Fisk recognize you?"

"Yes, instantly; he was perfectly conscious at the time, and continued so up to four o'clock this morning. To show the goodness of his heart I may tell you how he expressed himself about Stokes after he was shot last evening. He said, 'I nope! may live; I have no fil will against Stokes, and I would like my life would be spared, so that he could be saved from the gallows.' He conversed with me quite sensibly the greater part of the night, but relapsed into insensibility about four this morning, and after that time ceased to speak."

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"I believe if ever there was a case of murder this was one. Stokes deliberately in ursued Fisk around the city, evidently with the intentiol of taking his life, and when he comes up with his a fires two shots in rapid succession into his body, without a single word having been interchanged between them. If this was not murder there never was a clear case of murder in the annals of crime. Poor Fisk has been hounded to his death by a bloodthirsty man, reckless and desperate.

"What about all those letters that all the fuss originated with?"

If "Why, there is nothing in the letters that would implicate a living soul. The name of Jay Gould does not appear, nother do the names of others who have been mentioned in connection with them."

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"Is the name of Peter B. Sweeny mentioned?"

"Not once. There is not the least allusion made to him in any of them."

"How about the Eric Railroad?"

"The Eric Railroad is not alluded to either. In fact, there is nothing in the letters to warrant the assumptions of Mrs. Mansfield and Stokes, and it is only another instance of the blackmailing process to which they have resorted."

"Well, if the letters were so unimportant I cannot see why you should have objected to their publication."

"Oh that can be easily explained. There were costain delicate allusions in relation to the peculiar position in which Mrs. Mansfield and Fisk were placed to each other, and it would not have done to make them public."

"It could not have done much harm."

"Judge Erady was of the opinion that there was nothing in them that called for publication; and I certainly agree with him in his views upon the matter. The publication of the letters would have done no sood, and they would nossibly have

Weil, you may expect either an advance or a

"Was Colonel Fisk a heavy shareholder in Erie stock?"

"Yes, pretty heavy; he owned a considerable number of shares, and this, in addition to the fact of his being Vice President, of course gave him great influence."

"Have you taken any steps to fill the vacancy caused by his death?"

"Not yet. It is not, however, necessary that we immediately do so, as we can allow ourselves a liberal markin of time in which to make our appointment."

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"Ido not know. I don't suppose anything will be
done until after the funeral.
"Have you heard what disposition Mr. Fisk has
made of his property?"
"Yes, I believe I have; I was one of the witnesses
to his will, and I cannot, of course, give you any
particulars, but I may say that he has made liberal
provisions for his wife and friends. He has no

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"Then you don't think Erie will materially suffer by the death of Mr. Fisk?"

"Not in a very great degree. There may be a temporary depression, but it won't amount to anything of consequence."

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"Yes, I blink it is. I have given you everything I have myself. Poor First; people did not understand him preperly or they would have appreciated his good qualities more thoroughly. The universal burst of sympathy that his assassmation na ellotted will, I trust, be the beginning of a better state of feeling."

that Erie had run up to "40." Mr. Gould looked in-credulous; but the earnest manner of the messenger convinced him, and his face assumed a more iroubled expression. Despite the assertions of him and others, that Erie will not be affected by the death of Fisk, the general opinion prevalent is that the present administration is bound to go to pieces. It is evi-dent that both President and directors anticipate a tough time of it, and it is more than likely they wil-have it, as "coming events cast their shadows be-fore."

"Surely a prince and a great man has fallen this

CAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY.

If we may trust the assurances of those who knew him best there probably never was a man who was more generally misunderstood by the public than James Fisk, Jr. He was a man who had a great abhorrence of all hypocrisy, and whose theory of life it was to show to the world his worst side and to conceal very carefully all his good qualities from the public knowledge. He was ostentatious of his faults, and never could be persuaded to do anything in public except on rare occa-sions, such as that of the Chicago fire, which would lead the public to believe him to be the generous and large-hearted man he really was. During the last four or five years of his life, in which it has been generally supposed that he lived in a style of unexampled luxury, and spent enormous amounts on his personal enjoyment, the truth was that except his four-in-hand, his box at the theatre, and one or two matters of that kind which all the world knows about—he lived in a much more simple style than three-fourths of the persons who have his income. At the time of his death, and for a long time previous, ne lived in

A LITTLE TWO-STORY HOUSE of the very plainest kind, rather dilapidated, occu-

pying only two rooms in it, and the only real luxury in which he indulged was the luxury of unusual in which he indulged was the luxury of unusual cleanliness. He was probably one of the most scrupulously neat and clean persons that ever lived. His personal expenses were, at a liberal estimate, not one-fifth as large as the amount which he spent in providing for persons in whose affairs he took a kindly interest, who had seen misfortune in life, and whom he felt to be dependent upon him for assistance. He gave away charities, concerning which he rarely spoke to any nearest friends. He was particularly

GENEROUS TOWARD ACTORS AND ACTRESSES, who, whenever they suffered from misfortune, would always appeal to him. One lady, herself an actress of considerable repute and of very gene-rous nature, was in the habit of coming constantly to Mr. Fisk to appeal to him for assistance to aged or unfortunate members of their profession—assist-ance which he never refused. Very recently a lady, who was formerly a New York favorlady, who was formerly a New York favorite, but who made an unhappy marriage and to escape from a drunken husband had carried her child to England, where, after struggling in provincial theatres for more than a year, she came to almost her last penny, and had barely the means to return to this country, without a change of clothing and without being able to bring away her child, made her case known to the lady before mentioned, who immediately, after helping her to the extent of her own scanty means, sent her with a note to Mr. Fisk. Mr. Fisk listened to her story, advanced her \$250 on the spot, procured her an engagement in a theatre at \$75 a week and interested the captain of one of the finest seagoing vessels in

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PASSAGE FOR THE CHILD

to this country, the captain, in order to please Mr. Pisk, taking great pains to discover the whereabouts of the child and restore it to its mother. These are but incidental illustrations of what Mr. Pisk was gaily doing, and always doing with the utmost privacy and with the greatest rejuctance to allow it to become known. He would rarely subscribe to any public charity, because he distigled to make any presence of liberality before the public. Mr. Fisk's early career has been set forth in exaggerated form very frequently, and hardly needs to be rectice here. It is not, however, generally known that he was let in charge of a good old farmer and his wife in the town of Pownal, Vt., when he was quite a little child, and remained with them until he was a well grown boy. When James was five years old his guardan sent him to a district school, where, after a few days, the schoolmaster thought it necessary to punish the little fellow for some misdemeanor, which went so grievously to the heart of the old farmer that he never would send him to school again, so that James grew to be ten years old without learning how to road or write. His father then caused him to receive some little education; but this, of course, was very imperiect, and he soon launcade into life for himself. He was a Fiblian and the old ladies of Western Massachusetts often speak of the handsome four-horse team which he used to drive, and the excellent goois which he brought round to them, very much superior to any fining which they cuid obtain in country stores. After this he settled in Boston, and received his business training in the house of J. M. Beere & Co., who, at that time, were the most noted dry goods dealers in that city. Mr. Fisk used after to tell with guiso how Mr. Beebo, when he had \$20,000 to raise for a day's payment, woul

claiming that she was a worthy actress, laborin under difficulties, and he sent her servers, laborin under difficulties, and he sent her servers, laborin expectation or desire of becoming acquainte with her. She, very soon after her introduction, obtained a strong hold upon Mr. Fisk, and early in 1888 he provided thouse for her on Twenty-fourth street, and for more than two years defrayed all her expenses. The origin of her story about stock speculations is said to be that, one night in the fail of 1868, a few gentiemen meeting at her house played cards with one another, and agreed to make her a present of all their winnings, which amounted to some twenty-live hundred dollars. This money Mr. Fisk advised her to let one of the party take and invest in Erie, which he knew was bound to rise the next day. She did so, and the money being invested as a margin, the entire amount realized, which, including the original investment, was about fifteen thousand dollars, was paid ever to Mrs. Mansfield two or three days afterwards by the gentleman was managed the speculation. This money Mr. Mansfield two or three days afterwards by the gentleman was managed the speculation. This money Mr. Mansfield two or three days afterwards by the gentleman was managed the speculation, this money Mr. Mansfield two or three days afterwards for the money hers. Mansfield two or three days afterwards for the proceeds in the hands of Mr. wenty-third street, when she sold out the bonds and deposited the proceeds in the hands of Mr. isk, who gave her the receipt which she has pubshed for \$15,785. When the deed was ready to

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DEFENDENT UPON MR. FISK,

Who paid all her bills and kept her constantly supplied with money, atthough he refused to make any permanent settement upon her, which was a point upon which she greatly insisted, and on account of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on one or two coordinates of the retusal to grant which she on the first was in the standard of the house on occasions when Mr. Fisk was it governments to the house on occasions when Mr. Fisk was it governments and many recriminations courred, with occasional reconclinations, which was solved with occasional reconclinations, which houses of the house on the house of the house on the house of the house of the house on the house of t

he AWARDED HIM DAMAGES to the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Stokes professed to be dissatished with this award; but, notwithstanding, accepted the money and signed a full general release to Mr. Fisk. This release he afterwards attempted to set aside, alleging that it was obtained by fraud, but this point Judge Brady, after a careful examination, decided against him, holding that he clearly understood its effect and that the referee was a gentleman of his own choice, as it has been charged that the letters which Mr. Stokes surrendered were obtained by some kind of fraud, we give a verbatim copy of his letter to Mr. Sweeny, enclosing the letters of Mr. Fisk, the original of which we have seen:—

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Hon. PRTER B. SWERNY:

DRAR SIR—Mr. Buckley informed me of your desire to
have possession of the Fisk letters, affadarius, &c. I herewith send them all to you. Yours respect,

ED. S. STORES.

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New York, Apr. 13, '71.

It will be seen that, although Mr. Stokes and a college education, he was not too familiar with the spelling book. The public is familiar with the frequent attempts made by Mr. Stokes and Mrs. Mansfield to revive this controversy and to compel FURTHER SATISFACTION

of their claims. Mr. Fisk's friends insist that all these prosecutions were but a concerted attempt to blackmail, and, ofter a prolonged examination before the Grand Jury of the Over and Terminer, an indictment was found on Saturiay against Mr. Stokes, Mrs. Mansfield and other parties on this ground, and it was of this indictment that Mr. Stokes learned before he committed the assassination for which he is now under arress.

According to Mr. Fisk's friends he never manifested any malice towards any of these parties, but, on the contrary, resisted the urgent advice of his friends to commence criminal proceedings against them for a long time. One of his counsel, who attended before Justice Bixby on Saturday last, states that, calling upon Mr. Fisk, insisted that the examination should be made a lement one, and that a full opportunity should be given to Mr. Stokes and Mrs. Mansfield to

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and, as the counsel was about to leave, Mr. Pisk
called him back again to say that he bore them no
malice and desired to do them no injury; that all he
wanted to do was simply to protect himself and his
friends, and that under no circumstances would he
allow himself to be defended by any means which
would bring out the names of any of his friends.

EFFECT ON ERIE STOCK.

Though nearly every broker in Wall street was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel at some time during the day, owing to the excitement produced by Mr. Pisk's death and the desire to get the fullest particulars there were never more than about ten brokers present at any one time during the day. In consequence of this there was no suon meeting as would fix any price for Eric stock, though it was acknowledged on all sides that it must go up, and that prestly lively too. Notwithstanding that there was no price fixed, there was a good deal of business done in Eric, it was reported, during the day. A member of the Stock Exchange informed a HERALD reporter at three o'clock in the afternoon that Eric stock was solling at 37%. This would be an increase of 1% on the closing price on the street on Saturday evening.

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